

Friday, April 27, 2012

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, adjournment Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned under the provisions of S. Con. Res. 43, until 2 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 358 public bills, H.R. 4965–5322; 2 private bills, H.R. 5323–5324; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 121; and H. Res. 635–642 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed:

 Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3556, to designate the new United States courthouse in Buffalo, New York, as the “Robert H. Jackson United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 112–456);

H.R. 4097, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–457);

H.R. 3989, to support State and local accountability for public education, inform parents of their schools’ performance, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–458);

H.R. 3990, to encourage effective teachers in the classrooms of the United States and innovative education programs in our Nation’s schools, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–459, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3534, to amend title 31, United States Code, to revise requirements related to assets pledged by a surety, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–460); and

H.R. 4078, to provide that no agency may take any significant regulatory action until the unemploy-

ment rate is equal to or less than 6.0 percent, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112–461, Pt. 1).

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Robert Ballecer, S.J., Jesuit Conference, Washington, DC.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Cybersecurity Enhancement Act: H.R. 2096, amended, to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 395 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 193 and

Pages H2215–22, H2246

Advancing America’s Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Act of 2012: H.R. 3834, amended, to amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research.

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Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks Backcountry Access Act: The House agreed by unanimous consent to discharge and pass H.R. 4849, as amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to issue commercial use authorizations to commercial stock operators for operations in designated wilderness within the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Earlier, agreed to the Hastings (WA) amendment to H.R. 4849.

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Agreed that in the engrossment of H.R. 4849, the Clerk be authorized to make the change that was placed at the desk.

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Interest Rate Reduction Act: The House passed H.R. 4628, to extend student loan interest rates for undergraduate Federal Direct Stafford Loans, by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 195.

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Rejected the Capps motion to recommit the bill to the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 194.

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H. Res. 631, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 3523) and (H.R. 4628), was agreed to yesterday, April 26th.

Adjournment Resolution: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, providing for a conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate and an adjournment of the House of Representatives.

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Commission on International Religious Freedom—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following member on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2014: Mr. Samuel Gejdenson of Branford, CT.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2228.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2246, H2250–51, H2251–52. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and at 3:08 p.m., pursuant to S. Con. Res. 43, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Subcommittee on Readiness held a markup of H.R. 4310, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2013, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded, without amendment.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4094, the “Preserving Access to Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreational Area Act”; and a hearing entitled “Access Denied: Turning Away Visitors to National Parks”. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Jones; Ros-Lehtinen; and Diaz-Balart; Herbert C. Frost, Associate Director, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, National Park Service, Department of Interior; Warren Judge, Dale County Board of Commissioners, Dale County, North Carolina; Kenneth W. Wright, Vice Chairman, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a markup of the following measures: H.R. 4072, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2012”; H.R. 4114, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2012”; H.R. 4482, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make permanent home loan guaranty programs for veterans regarding adjustable rate mortgages and hybrid adjustable rate mortgages; H.R. 4201, the “Servicemember Family Protection Act”; and H.R. 3670, to require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. The following measure was ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4072. The following measures were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 4114; H.R. 4201; H.R. 4482; and H.R. 3670.

MEDICARE PREMIUM SUPPORT PROPOSALS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Medicare Premium Support Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.